

Wiretapping Defended in Union Probe

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Assistant Attorney General Henry Petersen said yesterday that allegations the Justice Department acted improperly in an investigation of the Teamsters Union were "grossly false."

Petersen said wiretaps were withdrawn from the investigation "because the prior electronic interceptions were basically unproductive in obtaining evidence in this case."

Petersen said in a statement that his response to the allegations was limited since the investigation is still under way. It involves an alleged Mafia scheme to gain control of the Teamsters' Health and Welfare Fund in the California area.